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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF INMATE CALLING SOLUTIONS, LLC D/B/A ICSOLUTIONS TO TKC HOLDINGS, INC.

## STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

**WC Docket No. 16-188** 

Comments Due: July 1, 2016

Reply Comments Due: July 8, 2016

Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions (ICS), Centric Group, L.L.C. (Centric), and TKC Holdings, Inc. (TKC) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, requesting consent to transfer control of ICS from Centric to TKC.<sup>1</sup>

ICS, a California limited liability company, is an institutional telecommunications services provider authorized to provide service in all states except Alaska, District of Columbia, Delaware, Hawaii, and Vermont. It currently contracts with correctional facilities in 38 states. Applicants state that Keefe Group, LLC (Keefe), a Missouri limited liability company that provides commissary services and products to correctional markets, holds 100 percent of ICS. Post-closing, Keefe will be a wholly owned direct subsidiary of TKC, a Delaware corporation, which is indirectly controlled by H.I.G. Capital, a U.S.-based private equity investment firm. H.I.G. Capital is ultimately controlled by Sami Mnaymneh and Anthony Tamer, both U.S. citizens.<sup>2</sup> Applicants state that neither TKC nor H.I.G. Capital or its affiliates provide telecommunications services.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, the membership interests of Keefe will be acquired by TKC. Accordingly, upon consummation of the transaction, ICS will become an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TKC and be ultimately controlled by H.I.G. Capital. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R § 63.03; 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with international and wireless services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Applicants provided charts depicting pre-closing and post-closing ownership structures. *Joint International and Domestic Section 214 Application to Transfer Control of Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions*, WC Docket No. 16-188, at Exh. 1 (filed June 9, 2016).

the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>3</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC d/b/a ICSolutions to TKC Holdings, Inc., WC Docket No. 16-188 (filed June. 9, 2016).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to Section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before July 1, 2016**, and reply comments **on or before July 8, 2016**. Pursuant to Section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.

## In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's ex parte rules.

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